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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Southern California Gas Company (U 904 G) for Approval of Program Year 2003 Low-Income Assistance Programs and Funding.

Application 02-07-001
(Filed July 1, 2002)

Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U 902 E) for Approval of Program Year 2003 Low-Income Assistance Programs and Funding.

Application 02-07-002
(Filed July 1, 2002)

Application Of Pacific Gas And Electric Company (U 39 M) For Approval Of The 2003 California Alternate Rates For Energy and Low-Income Energy Efficiency Programs and Budget.

Application 02-07-003
(Filed July 1, 2002)

Southern California Edison Company's (U 338-E) Application Regarding Low-Income Assistance Programs for Program Year 2003.

Application 02-07-004
(Filed July 1, 2002)

Order Instituting Rulemaking on the Commission's Proposed Policies and Programs Governing Low-Income Assistance Programs

Rulemaking 01-08-027
(Filed August 23, 2001)

**INTERIM OPINION:
REVISIONS TO THE LOW-INCOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM
WEATHERIZATION INSTALLATION STANDARDS AND**

POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUALS

Summary

We approve uncontested revisions to the Low-Income Energy Efficiency (LIEE) Program Weatherization Installation Standards and Policy and Procedures Manuals, which bring these documents into compliance with the requirements of Decision (D.) 01-05-033 and D.02-12-019, as well as applicable codes and standards.

Discussion

The LIEE Standardization Project (Project) was established by the Commission for the purpose of developing consistency in program policies and procedures. Project team members, consisting of the utilities and project consultants, develop recommendations for Commission consideration after receiving public input. Energy Division assists in coordinating the effort. Per Commission direction, the Assigned Commissioner establishes the scope, schedule and budget for the specific tasks assigned to the Project.¹

Early this year, the Assigned Commissioner issued a ruling approving the revised scope and budget for Phase 4 of the Standardization Project. Among other things, the ruling added Task 13, described as follows:²

The CPUC Rapid Deployment decision (D.01-05-033) adopted in May of 2001 included several program rules changes that

¹ See, for example, D.01-03-028 (pp. 3-6, Attachment 2) in Rulemaking (R.) 98-07-037 for more background on the LIEE Standardization Project and tasks assigned to the project team.

² See Assigned Commissioner's Ruling Revising Phase 4 of the Low Income Energy Efficiency Standardization Project, January 28, 2003.

conflict with the original LIEE Program Weatherization Installation Standards (WIS) Manual language adopted in February, 2001, especially those set forth in the non-feasibility section of the document. D.02-12-019 rolls the Commission's Rapid Deployment measures and policies into the utilities' base LIEE programs beginning in PY2003. Additionally, changes in the California Uniform Mechanical Code codes [sic] may necessitate revisions in the WIS Manual. RER and RHA have been directed to review the current WIS and [Policies and Procedures] P&P Manuals and the decisions, identify edits needed to bring the WIS and P&P manuals into compliance with the requirements in D.01-05-033 and D.02-12-019, as well as applicable codes and standards, and print new camera ready copy for the applicable manual pages.

On January 31, 2003, the Standardization Project Team filed and served Task 13 revisions to the LIEE program manuals to the service list in Application (A.) 02-07-001 et al., and requested Commission approval of the proposed revisions. By ruling dated March 18, 2003, the assigned Administrative Law Judge solicited comment on the revisions from all interested parties in A.02-07-001 et al. and the Commission's low-income assistance Rulemaking (R.98-07-037). No comments or protests were filed.

We have reviewed the proposed revisions and find them to be reasonable and responsive to the Task 13 requirements of the Standardization Project work plan. We approve the revisions, effective immediately.

Waiver of Comment Period

This is an uncontested matter in which the decision grants the relief requested. Accordingly, pursuant to Public Utilities Code § 311(g)(2), the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment is being waived.

Assignment of Proceeding

Carl W. Wood is the assigned Commissioner and Meg S. Gottstein is the assigned Administrative Law Judge.

Findings of Fact

The Project Team's proposed revisions to the LIEE Program Weatherization Installation and Policy and Procedures Manual bring these documents into compliance with the requirements of D.01-05-033 and D.02-12-019, as well as applicable codes and standards. The revisions are consistent with the scope of work assigned to the Standardization Project under Task 13.

Conclusions of Law

1. The Project Team's proposed revisions are reasonable and should be adopted.
2. In order to implement these revisions as expeditiously as possible, this decision should be effective today.

INTERIM ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the revisions to the Low-Income Energy Efficiency Program Weatherization Installation Standards and Policy and Procedures Manuals contained in the Project Team's filing dated January 31, 2003 in Application 02-07-001 et al. are approved.

This order is effective today.

Dated _____, at San Francisco, California.